

City election to-morrow. Polls open at 7 a. m.; close at 5 p. m. Vote early.

## FRANK BUTLER'S CRIMES

Story of the Murderer's Life as Told in His Own Words.

He is Now in Jail at San Francisco, But Will Soon Be Taken Back to Australia—A Monster in Human Form.

Frank Butler, of Australia, "the Monster of the Blue Mountains," has at last consented to tell the story of his life.

The true name of the accused man, according to his statement, is John Newman. He was born at Great Bridge, West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, June 20, 1853. His parents kept a tavern known as "The Boat Inn." At an early age Newman ran away from home and joined the British army. He served with honor and distinction in Her Majesty's service during the Zulu war in 1878-79, at the close of which he was awarded a medal for gallant conduct. He also served under Gen. Wolseley in the Egyptian war, and was decorated with the Egyptian medal for meritorious service at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir.

He deserted at the close of this war, coming to America, where he joined the United States army, and by an extraordinary display of ability was in less than two months made a petty officer. After a few months' service he grew tired of the close confinement and again deserted, going directly to Canada.

After traveling about the world for several years he finally wound up in Australia. It was here that his career of murder began, and the Australian officials assert that 14 murders have been traced directly to him, and he is suspected of others.

Butler reached Sydney in 1893, and was a prospector in the Blue mountains, about 100 miles north of Sydney. He was known in various sections of Australia under the names of Harwood, Ashe, Burgess, Clare, Simpson and Weller.

He masqueraded as Frank P. Harwood early last October, having assumed the name of a man who disappeared while in his company a month before. He advertised in a Sydney paper for a prospecting mate. Preston



FRANK BUTLER

a young student in Sydney university, replied to the advertisement, stating he had \$1250. Butler represented himself as a mining expert and induced Preston to accompany him on a trip to Blue Plains, a small station at the foot of the Blue mountains, 40 miles from Sydney. There they left the railway station and struck out for the mountains. A few days later Butler returned alone, saying Preston was working northward.

So, after Butler's return another advertisement for a prospecting mate appeared, this time with the name of Simpson, and on November 7 Butler again set out for Blue Plains, accompanied by Capt. Lee Weller, a retired master miner. In about a week Butler was again back in Sydney and said that his mate was ill. This caused suspicion, and Weller's friends became anxious, and inquired about him. Only a few days later a search party was organized to find the sick master miner, and to the mountains this party went. On November 25 the coat of the missing man was found in the remnants of his pocketbook and other trinkets belonging to him were found beside the ashes of a campfire, near which were also discovered a pair of trousers, a black leather leggings and a coat bearing Butler's name.

Preston's undershirt was found near Falcon bridge on December 1 not far from the camp where Weller's coat was found. On the following Tuesday Preston's body was found in a shallow grave at the head of Numbatia gully, less than a quarter of a mile from the Weller camp. Preston had been shot through the head, his body had been stripped of its clothing and was doubled up in a narrow trench. The search for Weller was continued unceasingly until December 6, when his body was found beneath a small mound on the banks of Glen Brook creek, he having been buried in exactly the same manner as Preston. While these searching parties were at work Butler had been located in Newcastle, at the Sailors' home, where he had registered as Lee Weller. Under this name he applied to Capt. Fraser, of the Swallow, bound for San Francisco with coal, and was shipped.

Soon after this the Sydney detectives learned for the first time of the disappearance of Harwood, who also went prospecting with Butler, and of Leash.

Frank Campbell, a young man just arrived in August from England, answered one of Butler's advertisements, went with him to Hedges and has never been heard of since. A young man whose name is unknown, but who was a companion of Campbell, went out with Butler after Campbell's disappearance, and although Butler was back in a day or two nothing was ever heard of the stranger.

Butler adopted a uniform method in his murders. After reaching the mountains the victim was set to work digging for minerals, and when the hole was deep enough, he was shot through the head, robbed and thrown into the hole.

## IN NEW YORK SOCIETY.

One Hears the Cost of Everything Constantly Discussed.

"There is one pronounced bourgeois trait that strikes me very disagreeably in American society," remarked a foreigner of distinction, "and that is the constant allusion that is made to the cost of everything. It never seems sufficient to praise an entertainment, a dress, a picture, a jewel for itself—its money's worth is sure to be mentioned and it is that alone which seems to give it value in the eyes of this eminently commercial nation. Perhaps we, on the other side of the Atlantic, are quite as mercenary in reality, but it is not considered good form to show it so openly."

"In other respects I had American smart society quite cosmopolitan, differing very little from the corresponding sets in London and Paris; but this everlasting talk of what everything is worth, from a beautiful woman down to some article of attire, is most wearisome!"

"I went to a large function called a 'dinner-dance' the other evening and it would have been delightful if it had not been for the constant talk about money. My host told me the cost of his chef and his wines, and all but the very food I was eating. My hostess enlightened me as to the probable cost of many of the gowns worn by the women who were present and the estimated value of the different jewels. Even the daughters compared the prices of their pretty fresh toilets with those of their friends."

"It is very curious that Americans do not seem conscious of this peculiarity, so very apparent to outsiders. It is essentially bad form."

"This habit of discussing prices is much more noticeable in New York than anywhere else and has been frequently remarked upon by visitors from other cities. It seems odd that a society so charming in other respects and so up-to-date should commit the solecism of bringing an atmosphere of trade into the drawing-room."—N. Y. Tribune.

## The Locomotive Whistle.

The locomotive whistle was invented because of the destruction of a load of eggs. When the country roads were for the most part crossed at grade the engine driver had no way of giving warning of his approach except by blowing a tin horn. The horn was far from being a sufficient warning. One day in the year 1833 a farmer was crossing the railroad track on one of the country roads with a great load of eggs and butter. Just as he came out upon the track a train approached. The engine-man blew his horn lustily, but the farmer did not hear it. Eighty dozen of eggs and 50 pounds of butter were smashed into an indistinguishable mass. The railway company had to pay the farmer the value of his butter, eggs, horse and wagon. A director of the company, Ashland Baxter by name, went to Alton Grange, where George Stephenson lived, to see if he could not invent something that would give a warning more likely to be heard. Stephenson went to work, and the next day had a contrivance which, when attached to the engine boiler and the steam turned on, gave out a shrill, discordant sound. The railroad directors, greatly delighted, ordered similar contrivances to be fitted to all the locomotives. This is developed into the locomotive whistle as we now know it.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## Philanthropy.

Old Parts—Why are you crying, my little man?

The Little Man—Please, sir, I—lost my ball.

"Well, well, don't cry. Here's sixpence to get another. Now tell me where you lost it."

"Please, sir, two de front window of yer house, sir."—Pearson's Weekly.

## A Reasonable Conjecture.

Mrs. Shallow—What a queer name for a fish—"smelt"? I wonder where they come from?

Mr. Shallow—I can't say for a certainty, but I think they are of German origin and come from the Oder.—Boston Courier.

## Touching.

"Behold," exclaimed the good fairy, "I touch thee with my wand and transform thee from beggar to prince." Subsequently, however, his beloved touched him without any wand and made him a beggar again.—Detroit Journal.

## AN AFRICAN BATTLE.

Young Bull Fights and Vanquishes an Enraged Rhinoceros.

When I was on the Zulu frontier (said a traveler recently) I stopped for a week with a native, a splendid fellow, who had a fine farm, quotes an exchange. Among other animals he had a young bull, called Hulo, which he and his children fondly believed could vanquish any beast on earth. Hulo was a great pet and not in the least vicious, so I was surprised on the second evening of my stay to see Hulo sniffing the air and pawing the ground in evident rage. I was about to ask what it meant when out of the forest came an ugly rhinoceros. My host and I hurried for our guns and Hulo dashed at the beast with dauntless courage. A rush, a crash, and the bull was hurled 20 feet. Fortunately the horn of his enemy had not caught him, and the first rush had taught him a lesson. His horns were like sharp swords, but the hide of a rhinoceros is remarkably thick, and the young bull soon showed signs of fatigue. So he resorted to strategy, and dodged behind his clumsy foe, giving him vicious stabs in the thighs. This was rapidly weakening the rhinoceros, and just at this time we found some steel bullets (lead bullets having no effect on this animal) and quickly completed the work Hulo began. Then the bull stood on the carcass and bellowed his joy.

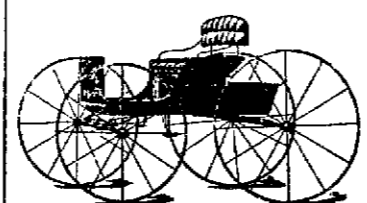
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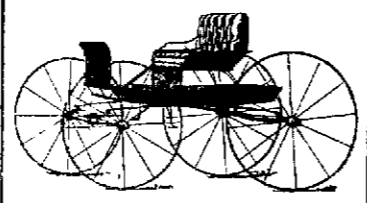
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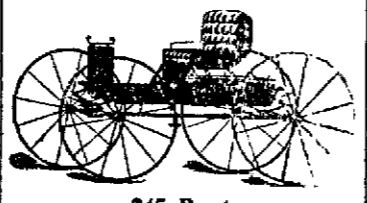
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\$35 Road Wagon.



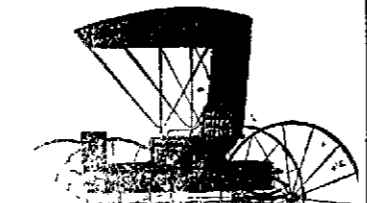
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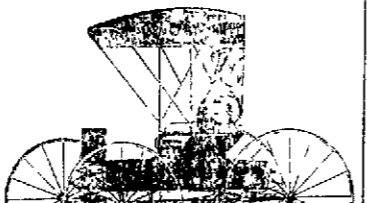
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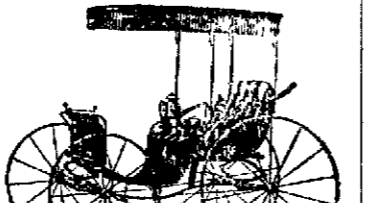
\$50 Canopy Top Wagon.



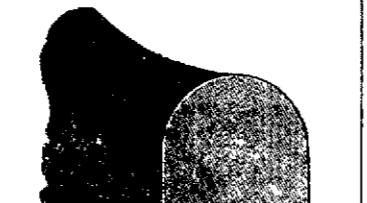
\$45 Top Buggy.



\$60 Top Buggy.



\$75 Phaeton.



Rubber Tires on Buggies \$35.

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FINE DRESS GOODS.

75 Choice Dress Patterns at Cut Prices this week

At BRADLEY BROS.

50 Choice Dress Patterns in new, stylish goods, at \$7.50 each pattern. Original price \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$14.00.

At \$10.00 Each, 25 very stylish Dress Patterns, all new and marked down from \$15.00, \$16.00 and \$20.00.

Bradley Bros  
Decatur, Ill.



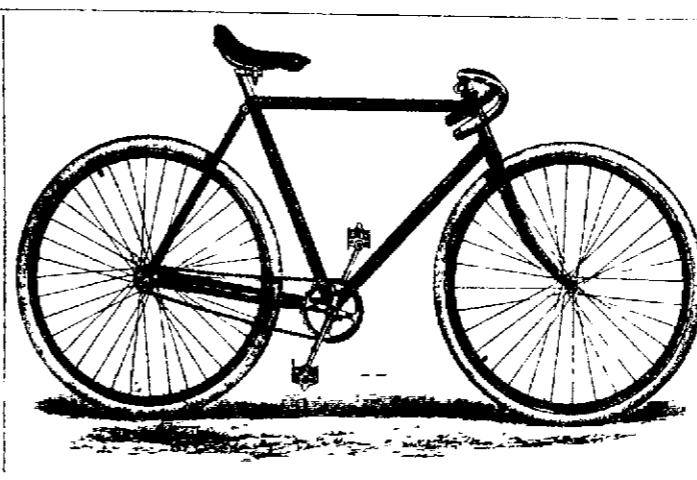
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Here is the Wheel that had "A TOUCHING EFFECT" on several Eastern makers at the Chicago show. Within the next sixty days they will have copies out.

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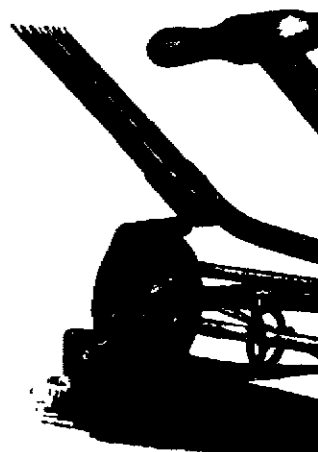
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Thirty-one years ago we opened an Exclusive in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling at Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell you Spring time brings demands for these articles of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains at 16c Armistees. Our WALL PAPER from a com the grades to the charming Brilliantines. No one trying to monopolize all branches ca dealing exclusively in these goods, giving our and quality, all things being equal.

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is that to which a new suit is subjected when a wife, mother or sisters examine it. You and the suit can stand it without flinching if it has been through our hands. Material, style and fit will make you feel comfortable and please the ladies. New patterns in all the new prevailing shades of Brown and Tans

From \$5.00 to \$15.00.

## BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

Complete assortment of all the new styles  
for little fellows 2½ years and up.

Suits at \$1.25 and upwards.

Our Vestee Suits come in three pieces.

Our Yorkshire Suit with Fly Front Vest.

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All brand new; hundreds to select from.

Boys' Suit--long pant--ages 12 to 19 years.

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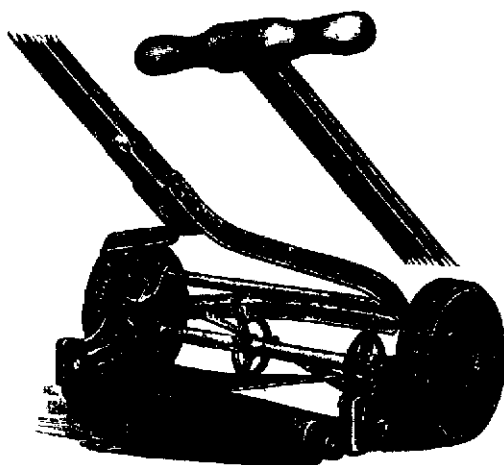
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Is that spent in trying to mow your lawn  
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We have a first class Lawn Mower, with every provision for the adjustment of  
Journals and height of cut possessed by any mower, which we are selling at a  
price within the range of everybody.

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## 33 CENTS on the Dollar!

Thirty one years ago we opened an Exclusive Carpet and Wall Paper Store  
in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling at 33c were then sold at \$1.75. Wall  
Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell you at 3c.  
Spring time brings demands for these articles, and you find us with a large  
stock of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains at 16c to the best Tapestry Body and  
Axminsters. Our WALL PAPER from a common brown at 4c up through all  
the grades to the charming Brilliantines.  
No one trying to monopolize all branches can or will do as well by you as we—  
dealing exclusively in these goods, giving our entire attention to style, coloring,  
and quality, all things being equal.

Call and trade with us.

Abel Carpet Wall Paper Co.

## HAVE YOU TRIED CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES?

Sold Only at—  
"The Economy,"  
221 North Water Street.

### LOCAL NEWS.

City election tomorrow. Polls will  
open at 7 o'clock; close at 5 p. m.

If you are troubled with catarrh,  
asthma or headache, use the German  
medicator, a perfect cure. mar 18d4f  
The Grand Opera House cigars made  
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.  
moh 36-d4f

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and re-  
tail, 223 North Main street. Durfee &  
Culp.

Several after Easter dances will be  
given tonight.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes  
to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line.  
Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and  
pressing take your clothing to Miller's.  
They are first-class practical dyers and  
dry cleaners, 146 North Main street.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most  
fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney  
Cure a guaranteed remedy or money re-  
funded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Webb C. Foster at 1075 North Water  
street has on hand the best cuts of beef,  
veal, pork and mutton, etc., and a fresh  
and full line of all goods in his line.

In the county court Mont Vaughn was  
fined \$20 for theft and sent to jail for one  
day. B. K. Vaughn and family will  
move to Bloomington this week.

Croup and whooping cough are child-  
hood's terrors; but like pneumonia,  
bronchitis, and other throat and lung  
troubles, can be quickly cured by using  
One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner  
& Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Woman's Home Missionary soci-  
ety of Grace M. E. church will meet at the  
home of Mrs. T. L. Antrich, 538 North  
Main, on Tuesday, April 20, at 2:30 p. m.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds  
of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman.  
Fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed  
in bulk. No. 223 North Main street.  
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Peter H. Bruck, the real estate broker,  
Saturday bought of Battle E. Perry lots  
19 and 18 in Gulluk's addition on North  
Edward street. The consideration was  
\$2000. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Perry have  
moved to Todds' Point on a farm.

Not only acute lung troubles, which  
may prove fatal in a few days, but old  
chronic coughs and throat troubles may  
receive immediate relief and be perma-  
nently cured by One Minute Cough  
Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong  
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Gertrude, now is the time to look up your  
spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have  
them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-  
class style by people who are experts and  
practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's  
Steam Dyeing and Dry Cleaning establish-  
ment, 146 North Main street.

In the recital given at the home of Mrs.  
A. B. Alexander on Saturday these pupils  
took part in the rendition of the program:  
Maude Carter, Florence Jones, Stella  
Brooks, Josephine Cozad, Lucile Bullard,  
Ardie Wood, Edith Shellabarger, Nellie  
Aokerman, Adela Blackstone, Marie Pow-  
ers. Also Mrs. O. E. Curtis, Miss Clark,  
Mrs. Denz and Mrs. Alexander.

A. F. Jensen's guessing contest was  
decided at his jewelry store on North  
Main street Saturday night. He had  
placed 277 stones of different sizes in a  
globe in his show window and took regis-  
tered guesses free for two weeks. The  
best four were as follows: Jesse Buck-  
walter, 277; Walter Wimer, 278; A. Pe-  
tersen, 275, and George B. Noble, 275.  
They were given a choice of jewelry in  
a try. The highest guess was 2008, and  
the lowest 15.

No better soft coal in this market than  
Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hard-  
est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-  
tur and the harder the coal the longer it  
will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in  
stock at market price. Up town office,  
Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800  
North Broadway, old phone 433, new  
phone 435. M. F. Metz. —21-d4f

## ONLY \$1.20 For Hinkle's Best FLOUR.

And guaranteed to be the best flour  
sold in the City of Decatur. All the  
leading groceries sell the best flour, and  
HINKLE'S BEST is the best flour  
made, and the following groceries sell it  
and guarantee it to be the best flour on  
the market. It has no equal.  
Hollman & Son.  
Drobbish Bros.  
Kays Bros.  
H. Meyer.  
McNahan & Fulton.  
Schell & Oehler.  
I. N. Cool.  
Weckerman & Knapp.  
D. Armstrong.  
E. W. Davis.  
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T. J. Hinkley.  
C. A. Hinkley.  
Proprietor & Replacers.

## EASTER SERVICES.

Held at the Different Churches of  
the City Yesterday.

### SERMON TO THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

By Rev. W. F. Gillmore at Grace Metho-  
dist Church—Rev. Craft at First  
M. E. Church—Musical  
Programs Rendered.

Easter Sunday was well celebrated at  
the churches in this city. It was a day of  
music and flowers. At most all of the  
churches fine musical programs had been  
prepared by the singers. The attendance  
at the different services was large, many  
of the churches being crowded. There  
are a large number of persons who do not  
usually go to the church but who attend  
the services on Easter day and such was  
the case yesterday. The ministers preach-  
ed special sermons and the churches were  
all elaborately decorated with Easter flow-  
ers.

Sermon to the Knight Templars.  
The members of Baumanor Commu-  
nity No. 9, Knights Templar, attended  
services in a body Sunday morning at  
Grace Methodist church, and the pastor,  
Rev. W. F. Gillmore preached a special  
sermon to the members. There were  
about seventy-five of the Knights in at-  
tendance and they were given seats in the  
front part of the church. The choir ren-  
dered special music, among the numbers  
given being a song "Easter Morn," by a  
quartet composed of Messrs. McClelland,  
Hodgins, Spence and Gher, and a solo,  
"The Easter Sunshine Breaks Again,"  
by B. A. Gher. The church was decorated  
with palms, lilies and other flowers.  
The prelude to the sermon given by Mr.  
Gillmore referred particularly to the  
Knights. He spoke as follows:

"It matters little whether we assign the  
birth of Masonry to the times of Pytha-  
goras or the Dionysiac Fraternity 1044  
B. C., to the Mithraic caves of the Per-  
sians to the Gracian temples, to the Ro-  
man Collegia, to the house of the Lord on  
Mount Moriah's light, to the Precepto-  
ries of the Templars, to the Crusades, to  
the charter of Athelstone, or to the Abbey  
of Kilwinning, the cradle of Scotch Ma-  
sonry. Of one thing we are certain. The  
dust of centuries is on our records, and  
antiquity hides the beginning of our or-  
der. Distant regions and remote ages  
show us the Masonic footsteps traced in  
the sands of time. Unaffected by tempests  
of war, storms of persecution, or denun-  
ciations of fanaticism Masonry still stands  
proudly erect in the sunshine and clear  
light. It stands like some patriarchal  
monarch of the forest, with vigorous roots  
riveted deep in the earth and broad limbs  
spread out in bold relief against the sky.  
In generations to come as in ages past  
the sunlight of honor and renown will be  
light to linger and play amid its vener-  
able branches. Masonry has not felt the  
shock that overthrew walled cities, well  
panoplied armies and mighty empires.  
Amid convulsions that rock the world she  
stands unscathed and unchanged.

"There are no self-destructing principles  
in Masonry that endanger its existence.  
The element of benevolence and brotherly  
love is too strong to yield to the influence  
of external causes. Other institutions  
have risen into fame, passed the zenith of  
glory, and retired to the shades of forgot-  
fulness. But this order has outlived all  
opposition and is today as young and vig-  
orous and efficient as it was a thousand  
years ago. Pupae have issued their bul-  
lets against it, the church in some of its  
branches has prescribed it, civil legislation  
has frowned upon it, demagogues and  
transducers have heaped abuse upon it.  
Yet it lives. The golden chain that binds  
this vast brotherhood is not to be broken  
by might, nor by power, nor bribe nor  
torture. It seems to be imperishable.  
Like some mighty colossus it rears its  
head above other works and institutions  
of men and looks down on the wrecks of  
forty centuries. Where are the massive  
walls and many towers of Babylon and  
Nineveh? In the dust and their localities  
unknown. The temple at Jerusalem has  
disappeared and the pyramids are crum-  
bling; the palaces and courts of the Cas-  
sars are mouldering in the dust, Athens  
and Sarta, Tyre and Sidon, all gone to  
desolation. But Masonry, that antedates  
all these, remains unchanged in her land-  
marks and undestroyed. Why? Because  
there is something in its mystic teachings,  
in its expressive symbolism, in its didac-  
tical principles and practical influences  
which commends it to the brain and  
heart of our common humanity. Its at-  
tars, dedicated to God and the holy saints  
are found among almost every tribe and  
tongue and people on the face of the  
earth. Its temples stand upon the mighty  
pillars whose base is wisdom, whose shaft  
is strength and whose chapter is beauty.  
It displays the intelligence of the Great  
Architect before whom all Masons un-  
cover and bow at the mention of the sac-  
red name whether it be the Jehovah,  
Jah of the Hebrews, the Bel of the Phoe-  
nicians, or the On of the Egyptians. In  
the name and for the honor of such an  
institution I greet you today and though  
I present you but a rough ashlar, I trust  
the workmen here assembled will assist  
me as I labor in the quarry that it may

become perfect. Full well I know that  
by the will of the master an apprentice  
may labor on until he reaches a level sub-  
lime. His superiors may mark well his  
progressive steps as he advances, to pre-  
sent his work good, true and square to the  
overseers, and he may close a happy palm  
over a well earned penny and hear the tri-  
umphant shout, 'The stone that the build-  
ers erected has become the head of the  
corner.' He may find oriental light  
shedding its beams on a rugged pathway,  
and though he may sit down and weep,  
with harp unstung by Babylon's river,  
at the recital that tells how the cloud of  
sin obscured the pillar of fire and idolatry  
brought in the cult-worship of Egypt, the  
fire worship of Moloch, and the claudes-  
tine mummery of the heathen, his heart  
leaps at the voice, crying 'Good news,  
good news,' and he is permitted to go up  
to the holy city. Though he goes up by  
the way of the desert, though ruin greets  
him on either hand, a vision of beauty  
and glory is in his soul before whose real-  
ity, as it comes at last, he bows with  
brows reflecting the sacred fire, re-kindled  
on the altar, and takes of an olden faith  
in the robed hands, sits again from the  
pot of manna, looks again on Aaron's  
rod, and hides his tears of gladness under  
the shadow of the long lost book of laws.  
He is hailed as a good master and in daz-  
zling light he bows to worship, Him  
whose mercy endureth forever. Entranced  
with the Alpha he goes toward the Omega,  
and is directed where his faith may be  
linked to action, and arm nerved for  
war. Confiding in the great name of  
Truth, he is bidden to go where legion of  
the foes of humanity wage battle, where  
widows are to be avenged and protected,  
where orphans are to be cared for and de-  
fended, where maidenly purity and inno-  
cence are to be guarded, where clashing  
steel may meet and kiss in protection for  
religion. As a true Knight he grasps that  
cross emblazoned banner that has never  
trailed in the dust, his cry resounds about  
the conflict, 'In Hoc Signo O Vires,' and  
glorying in the title that was first given  
to the Knights Templars, 'Poor Fellow  
Soldiers of Jesus,' he gains a victory near  
Golgotha's dismal shade that robes and  
crowns and thrones and gladdens. O,  
Pilgrim Knights, champions of the faith,  
defenders of the tomb, conservators of  
the holy city, protectors of the holy sepul-  
cher, soldiers of the cross, sworn friends  
of our holy religion, poor fellow soldiers  
of Jesus, guardians of innocence, protect-  
ors of the orphan, helpers of the widows,  
Sir Knights I salute you in the name of  
I. N. R. I. and bid you God speed.

"The intimate connection between  
Templar Knights and this glad Easter  
day summons this order everywhere to re-  
ligious services. Founded at Jerusalem  
in the early days of the twelfth century  
for the protection of the holy sepulcher  
and pilgrims whose pious feet led them  
thither, for 800 years it was endured. No  
longer a military organization, with  
swords and spears contending, it has  
risen to a more spiritual height. It  
pledges its candidates to fight for the  
Christian religion. It builds its creed on  
the Nazarine of the gospels. It makes its  
chief ceremonies cluster around the lucid  
dents of Golgotha and Mt. Olivet. It  
glories in the Easter triumph of a resur-  
rected Lord."

The prelude was followed by a sermon  
on the text, "He is risen."  
Presbyterian Church.  
Easter was a day of great importance at  
the First Presbyterian church. In the  
morning there was a large attendance.  
Communion service was held by Rev.  
W. H. Penhalligon and the two new el-  
ders, Dr. E. S. McClelland and P. P.  
Laughlin were ordained. Several chil-  
dren were baptized and a number were  
united with the church. Mrs. A. B. Alex-  
ander, the organist rendered a special pro-  
gram of music. The church was beauti-  
fully decorated with palms and lilies.  
In the afternoon services were held for  
the children. The Sunday school orches-  
tra rendered music. Heavens Sorogus gave  
a violin solo and Dr. T. S. Childs a vocal  
solo. The attendance of young people  
was 460. The little folks of the primary  
class also held exercises. At 6 o'clock in  
the evening the Endeavor society held ser-  
vices. The subject was hymns and hymn  
writers and the lives of the different ones  
were given and their hymns sung. In  
the evening a song service was held and  
a choir of about thirty voices under the  
leadership of C. W. Montgomery rendered  
excellent music.

The members of the Endeavor society of  
the church sent carriages to the aged  
members of the church so that they could  
attend the morning service.

First Baptist Church.  
Two large audiences were present at the  
Baptist church, the one in the evening  
taking every seat on the ground floor.  
The pastor a morning sermon on "Easter  
Certainty," was a strong presentation  
of the indisputable fact of Christ's resur-  
rection, and its consequences. It called  
forth many complimentary expressions.  
The evening song service held the large  
audience from the beginning to the end.  
The singing of the children was deligh-  
tful. The two little soloists, Ruthie Burke  
and Elsie MacGregor, the pastor's daugh-  
ter, deserve special commendation. The  
music by the quartet both morning and  
evening and of the orchestra in the even-  
ing were all of a high order.

Easter at East Park Chapel.

The day was enjoyed by all, the regular  
lessons were suspended and the time given  
to a special exercises, prepared by the pro-  
gram committee. The room was beauti-  
fully decorated with potted plants and on  
the platform was a large white cross that  
was used in one of the exercises, both

rooms were opened together, and every  
seat was filled. The balance of the Easter  
collection eggs were brought in and  
opened, and the total amount contained  
in them, found to be \$30.03. The follow-  
ing was the program:

Song—By school  
Prayer—Superintendent  
Song—Choir.  
Responsive Reading—Norman Cough-  
lin and the choir.  
Solo—Chas Vanasdale.  
Responsive Reading—Ethel Dimock  
and the choir.  
Song—Choir.  
Recitation—Eight Little Girls.  
Duet—Lillian Kemp and Mattie Willis.  
Responsive Reading—Lizzie McNeil.  
Song—Choir.  
Recitation—Twelve Little Girls  
Solo and Chorus—Ella Fagan and the  
choir.  
Solo—Sadie Athons  
Solo and Quartet—Ella Spencer.  
Choir.  
Responsive Reading—T. Curtis and the  
choir.  
Address—Superintendent.  
Song.  
Benediction.  
Rev. Frost at the First M. E. Church.

The large audience room of the First  
M. E. church was crowded Sunday morn-  
ing and evening. Exceptionally fine Easter  
music was given by the large choir,  
directed by Prof. Lutz, and the selections  
by Miss Nicholls, the organist were artistic,  
winning complimentary approval. A  
wealth of blooming plants and cut flowers  
decorated the rostrum.

At the morning hour Rev. Frost Craft,  
pastor of the First church at Bloomington,  
occupied the pulpit. He came to Decatur,  
while Rev. D. F. Howe went to Bloomington  
to preach the Easter sermon for DeMolay  
Commandery, Knights Templar. The invocation prayer was offered  
by N. W. Woodford, of the Y. M. C. A.,  
who announced that Dr. Talmage would  
deliver an address at the tabernacle  
Thursday night in the interest of the fam-  
ily sufferers in India. Rev. Mr. Craft  
read a scriptural lesson, and selected for  
his text the first verse of the first chapter  
of First Corinthians. The subject was  
"Fellowship," in families, in communi-  
ties, with individuals and finally with Je-  
sus Christ. The sermon was from manu-  
script, carefully prepared and delivered  
with force and effect. At the evening  
service the subject was "Love." Mr.  
Craft is one of ablest ministers in the Illi-  
nois conference and while here formed  
many pleasant acquaintances and made  
an excellent impression. During his stay  
in the city he was the guest of Milton  
Johnson and family.

At the Tabernacle.  
Two large fountains, one on either side  
of the steps leading to the rostrum, added  
to the attractiveness of the services at the  
tabernacle. The ladies had tastefully ar-  
ranged potted flowers about the fountains  
and as the water played softly on leaf and  
blossom it made sweet music to the ear.  
The fountains are permanent and will be  
seen at the big building all summer.

The attendance at the morning service  
was perhaps the largest in a year. The  
meeting for ladies only at 3 o'clock was  
also largely attended, and Mr. Hall's lec-  
ture on "Womanhood," is generally pro-  
nounced the best he has ever given here  
on similar occasions. A chorus of fifty  
ladies led by Mrs. Prof. Calvin, occupied  
the platform, and led the singing. A  
quartet, consisting of Mrs. Calvin, Miss  
Elva Calvin, Miss Nell Radford and Mrs.  
Laura Hall, rendered two selections in a  
highly gratifying manner to the audience.  
Twelve lady users seated their sisters  
graciously. The collection was larger  
than the one taken at the men's meeting  
a week ago. All in all, the meeting was  
the most successful of the four Mr. Hall  
has held in Decatur.

At night the sermon was on "Strange  
Excuses," from Luke 14:18. The choir  
sang "Zion Awake." There were eight ad-  
ditions, and seven baptisms at the close.  
The revival is now sixteen days old with  
59 new additions to the church. The  
meetings will continue till May with ser-  
vices every night at 7:45.

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Lucy's Birthday.  
Saturday afternoon a party was given  
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Den-  
nis in honor of their little daughter  
Lucy's sixth birthday. Those present  
were Claudia and Bae McConnell, Mary  
Thomas, Annabelle Thomas, Florence  
Love, Grace and Helen Flack, Harold  
Wright, Lucile Young, Harold Watson,  
Madge Wiley, Emma Dennis, Nellie Ger-  
hart, Harry Hupp, Herman Williams, Ma-  
bel Birch, Charlie and Walter Dennis.  
Refreshments were served and the little  
hostess received many presents. Mrs.  
Gebhart and Mrs. Barnett assisted Mrs.  
Dennis in entertaining the little ones.

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## REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

## City Election April 20, 1897.

Mayer—B. Z. TAYLOR.  
 Clerk—JOHN A. KEEVE.  
 Attorney—JAMES M. LEE.  
 Treasurer—MONT PENNELL.  
 Aldermen—First Ward, R. J. WAGY.  
 Second Ward, J. M. YOUNG.  
 Third Ward, JAMES KEEFE.  
 Fourth Ward, ALBERT AMMANN.  
 Fifth Ward, J. W. KNOWLTON.  
 Sixth Ward, JOHN G. WATSON.  
 Seventh Ward, J. L. DRAKE.

## REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL TICKET.

For Judge of the 3d Supreme District.  
 JACOB W. WILKIN, of Vermilion.  
 (Election June 7.)

For Judges of the Fourth Circuit.  
 (Three to elect—Election June 7.)  
 F. BOOKWALTER, of Vermilion.  
 E. M. WRIGHT, of Champaign.  
 E. P. VAIL, of Macon.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, April 19.—Fair tonight and  
 Tuesday; colder extreme south tonight;  
 warmer Tuesday; heavy frost tonight;  
 northerly winds.

Weyler's present policy to declare the  
 war in Cuba ended indicates that he may  
 have conceived the notion that he is a  
 hypnotist.

The Republican city central committee  
 has been very diligent and has done splen-  
 did work in organizing the forces for the  
 election tomorrow and if the ticket does  
 not get a large majority it will not be  
 their fault.

The Democrats in congress are divided  
 only about 50 per cent being willing to  
 follow the leadership of Mr. Bailey. The  
 remainder seem to be irregulars who  
 spend their time foraging or bushwhack-  
 ing the regulars.

General Weyler has commanded 200,000  
 men in Cuba for two years and has ac-  
 complished practically nothing. If this  
 is not a good reason why the independ-  
 ence of the Cubans should not be recog-  
 nized then reasons are not essential.

The Humphrey bills which extend the  
 franchise of street railways is an assump-  
 tion of power by the legislature that is  
 not warranted in the constitution and the  
 chances are that if these bills become  
 laws they will not stand the test of the  
 courts.

England has several grand old women  
 who were born before Victoria, and carry  
 their years well. Mrs. Gladstone is six  
 months older than the queen, the Bar-  
 oness Burdett is five years older and  
 Lady Louisa Tighe, who was present at  
 the ball on the eve of Waterloo, and is  
 still hale and lively, was a girl of 15 when  
 Victoria was born.

Wheat advanced 4 cents Saturday but  
 the price of silver was not affected by the  
 advance. It still keeps going down.  
 Perhaps the time will come when some  
 men, who, in the last campaign, insisted  
 that the fall in the price of silver made  
 everything cheap, and compared the price  
 of wheat with silver to prove it, will be  
 willing to admit they know nothing  
 about the money question.

Ben Taylor has gained strength every  
 day since he was nominated, because the  
 more he was considered as a candidate the  
 bigger he became in the estimation of the  
 investigator as a first class man to serve  
 the city as its chief executive officer. His  
 election is assured, the only question is as  
 to the size of the majority. It would be a  
 great compliment to the man and would  
 be a mighty encouraging thing to look  
 back to when the responsibilities of office  
 fell upon him to know that he was as near  
 the unanimous choice at the polls as it  
 was possible to make it.

A Washington correspondent to the St.  
 Louis Globe-Democrat referring to the  
 death of Senator Voorhees says:

To no body in Washington does the  
 death of Senator Voorhees cause more  
 sincere sorrow than to Senator Vest of  
 Missouri. Senator Vest loved the Indi-  
 an Senator, and was deeply grieved at  
 his death. Senators Vance, Vest and  
 Voorhees were cronies in the senate, and  
 were known as "The Three V's." Sena-  
 tor Vance had three months on his  
 place in North Carolina named Vance.  
 Vest and Voorhees. When Senator Voor-  
 hees went off after strange gods to the  
 extra session and led the administration  
 forces in the senate against silver, Sena-  
 tor Vance asked: "Vest, shall I change  
 the name of the mountain?" "No,"  
 Vance said the Missouri senator. "He  
 will repeat and come back to us," but  
 Senator Vance did soon after. Voorhees  
 failed to be returned to the senate—some-  
 say it broke his heart—and when Senator  
 Vest heard of his death he said sadly, "I  
 am the last of the V's." Senator Vance  
 had a wit as delicate and spontaneous as  
 Sydney Smith. For years he suffered  
 with his eye, and finally had to have it re-  
 moved. "Vance," said he when he took  
 his seat after the operation had been per-

formed, "my constituents certainly can't  
 say now that I have not an eye single to  
 their interests."

There is but one daily paper in New  
 York City which supported Bryan in the  
 last campaign and it tells ex Senator Hill  
 that he is outside of the Democratic party  
 and had better stay out as the party can  
 make no use of sneaks. This is the same  
 intolerant spirit that pervades the people  
 who committed the Democratic party to  
 the heresy of the free coinage of silver at  
 the ratio of 16 to 1 when the ratio is 32 to  
 1. It is found everywhere even in this  
 district. When Mr. Caldwell, who was  
 defeated for congress, found he was de-  
 feated, in a speech in Springfield said the  
 party had no use for the gold Democrats  
 and as they were out of the party the  
 party would prosper best if they remained  
 out. It was on this occasion that he an-  
 nounced that he intended to make an-  
 other race for congress. We don't know  
 how he feels about it now that he realizes  
 that it will take votes to elect a congress-  
 man but it is certain that at the time he  
 defied the gold Democrats he, like the  
 New York paper regarded them as sneaks  
 and traitors to the party. The gold Dem-  
 ocrats opposed free silver from good mo-  
 tives. They regarded it as un-Democrat-  
 ic and simply a surrender of the party to  
 a lot of Populists and agitators. They  
 wanted to preserve the party from the  
 effects of the heresy while Mr. Caldwell  
 wanted to go to congress and was willing  
 to sacrifice the honor of his party to get  
 there and was piqued because the gold  
 Democrats refused to prostitute them-  
 selves and their party as he had done and  
 abused them for being honest with their  
 convictions. These men will remember  
 Mr. Caldwell and when he comes up again  
 as a candidate as he expects to they will  
 take his advice and "stay out of the  
 party" so far as he is concerned.

Republicans go to the polls to-morrow.  
 Nobody can do your voting for you.

Card from Candidate Knowlton.  
 Eda. Republican: In the Bulletin of  
 April 17th, appeared an article purport-  
 ing to be a conversation with me on the  
 subject of street cleaning. It quotes me  
 as saying I was not in favor of pay-  
 ing \$1.75 a day to a man for leaning on a  
 shovel, creating the impression that I  
 was in favor of reducing these wages.  
 The facts as stated by me were in effect  
 that I was not in favor of the contract  
 system unless there was an agreement  
 in said contract guaranteeing no reduc-  
 tion in wages of the laboring man. I  
 then made the remark that I did not be-  
 lieve in paying a man \$1.75 a day for  
 leaning on a shovel, meaning by this  
 that a man should do a good days work  
 for a good days wages, and that the ap-  
 plication of any man worthy of a day's  
 work should receive some consideration  
 regardless of his politics.

No one has sacrificed more than I have  
 in the cause of labor, and it certainly  
 would be unreasonable to infer that I  
 am in favor of low wages. No laboring-  
 man need fear that I will vote to re-  
 duce his wages. J. W. Knowlton.

The polling place in the second dis-  
 trict of the Sixth ward, has been changed  
 from Carson's blacksmith shop, to the  
 brick church, corner Leafland avenue  
 and Warren street.

Republicans go to the polls to-morrow.  
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Excursion to the Celebrated Coast Country.  
 The American Land company of St.  
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 near Houston and Galveston, in the  
 "Diamond District" of Texas, have au-  
 thorized us to say that they will refund  
 the railroad fare of any parties who go  
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 with La Grippe and tried all the physi-  
 cians for miles about, but of no avail,  
 and was given up and told I could not  
 live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery  
 in my store I sent for a bottle and  
 began its use and from the first dose  
 began to get better, and after using  
 three bottles was up and about again.  
 It is worth its weight in gold. We don't  
 keep store or house without it." At  
 West's Drug Store.

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 CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

The Forsyth Postoffice.  
 The appointment of W. W. Benton as  
 postmaster at Forsyth to succeed P. M.  
 Parkhurst, Democrat, meets with the  
 hearty approval of the patrons of the  
 office. Mr. Benton will make an excel-  
 lent postmaster and will be courteous  
 and obliging to all. Mr. Parkhurst, who  
 is a Democrat, will take a rest. He has  
 been looking for a change and was not  
 surprised when he heard the news.

Married.  
 By Judge Hammer at his office, April  
 17, W. E. Gonterman and Miss Mattie B.  
 Hurst. The couple will reside near For-  
 sythe. They were guests at the St. Nich-  
 olas Saturday night and Sunday.

Fugilist Fitzsimmons has announced  
 that he may enter the ring again.



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Price Reasons THE BIG STORE Will Be Found in Every Department.

## Silk Selling.

## A GREAT EVENT.

This week we present an exceptional opportunity to buy silk, serviceable silks for less money than the next best will cost you elsewhere. Our matchless assortment becomes doubly important when you notice these prices.  
 Colored corduroys, the 75c kind, 49c yd.  
 22-1/2 inch Colored China Silk, the 50c kind, 40c yd.  
 19-1/2 inch Black Satin Silk, the 50c kind, 39c yd.

## Spring Dress Goods.

We've planned a mighty selling of wool dress goods for this week. The sales in this department have been unusually large, consequently our stock is always new and fresh. The goods don't linger on the shelves. Here are a few price reasons for shopping at The Big Store.

28 pieces of fresh, new chevots, home-spuns, mohairs and serges. They are well worth 49c yd. This week, per yard, 25c.  
 37 pieces of Silk and Wool Fancies in Broken Checks and Stripes. All Wool Chevots and other Fancies. Every piece worth 50 cents a yd. This week per yd., 35c.  
 33 pieces of Imported Novelties bought of one of New York's biggest importers. These goods cost to land more than we ask for them. They're on the Bargain Square this week at per yd., 50c.  
 These Black Novelties in All Wool and Mohair and Wool Lysras, 33 inch Black Serge, B. Pringle's fine figure, Drop D'Alma, Milrose, Stalmee, these goods have sold fast at \$1 and \$1.25 and are worth it. We still have a very satisfactory stock to select from and we are closing them out at 75 cents a yard.

## Boy's Clothing.

A Saving of from 10 per cent to 25 per cent on the clothes and furnishings for the little men.

This week we place on sale a new purchase of boys' Separate Pants. Ages 4 to 15 years. Prices 15c to \$1 pair.  
 Boys' 3 piece suits with latest style vests, made in checks and solid colors. (4 to 8 years) special for this week, \$4.49.  
 We have just received a new line of Boys' Blouse Waists in White Lawn and new colors. Prices from 44c to \$2.75.

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600 Misses and Children's Reelers in all the new styles and coloring, Plain and Braid trimmed. Special values at 98c, \$1.25 and up to \$1.50.

## Ready-made Skirts.

EXTRA SPECIAL.  
 60 Ladies' Silk Skirts, 7 gore, New Full Back, Tight Fitting on hips, lined with Good Quality Peraline, Velveteen bound, 4 1/2 yard sweep. Good Value at \$10. Special—This week, \$6.98

## Ladies' Wrappers.



1000 Ladies Wash Wrappers in all the New Shades, Braid Trimmed and Strap Back. Skirt out extra full and Perfect Fitting, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$1.50 each.

## Wash Fabrics.

We want you to come to The Big Store on a tour of inspection. Think of all the pretty, dainty, summer goods that you have ever seen—recall the most perfect example that you remember. It is copied a hundred fold in our Wash Goods Stock.  
 50 pieces fine lawns, small neat figures and absolutely fast colors at per yd., 8c to 12c.  
 Chastillon Stripes in the new "All Over" effect, 20 different styles at 10 cents a yard.

Lapped Stripes etc, some of the daintiest of all the pretty Wash Goods creations for spring and summer, '97. Come in and see them, 50 styles at per yd., 12 1/2c.  
 Organdies, Linens, Fantasies, Tissues, etc., all in one grand line. Every conceivable design. They will all go at 15c a yd.

## Linens and White Goods.

200 dozen fine Turkish Towels, Bleached and Unbleached. They are cheap at 20 cents. For this sale each 12 1/2c.  
 100 dozen Fine Linen Towels, bleached and hemstitched. Size 43x22 inches. They sold at 25 cents. While they last, 15 cents each.  
 We will not sell more than 5 to one customer.

58 inch fine Bleached German Damask. You would consider these goods cheap at 75 cents a yard, but this week it goes at 49c a yd., 49c.  
 Checked Nainsooks in all the Newest Plaids, etc., A Fine Sheet Quality sold for 100 yd. While they last, per yd., 7c.

10 pieces of Apron, 40 inches wide and 3 rows of Satin Stripes on edge. A decided bargain at yd., 12 1/2c.  
 "Pajama" Cloth the new soft finish checked long cloth made especially for fine underwear. In 12 yard pieces per piece, \$1.75.  
 43x36 Ready to Use Pillow Cases nicely made each, 7c.

43x36 Ready to Use Pillow Cases best makes such as Atlantic etc, each 10c.  
 Atlantic and Boston Sheeting full size 40 inches. Ready to use. Nine Better Jute 13 D. in this lot. Until all are sold each, 47c.  
 Two Bales Finest 36 inch Brown Mac-Intosh. A Cotton that can not be duplicated for less than 7c a unit. Two bales will be sold at per yd., 47c.  
 One Bale of Fine 36-inch Unbleached Sheeting the regular 5 and 6c quality. One Bale at 8c yard, limit twenty yds to a customer.

## Sale Of Spring Laces.

Tomorrow—Monday—We begin a Special Sale in this department to last throughout the week. Laces promise to be more popular this year than ever—and quality considered we will please you for a very small amount of money.  
 Good Torchon Lace 1c, 2 1/2c, and 3c a yard.  
 Valenciennes Laces 2c, 3c, 4c and 5c a yard.

Spring Laces in Thread, Thread Applique, Maline, Lierre, Point, Gaze, Point De Arabe and many other styles that are new and pretty.  
 Lace Boleros at 35c Pair.  
 Accordion Plaited Fronts in all the leading shades.  
 Latest Novelties in Ruching.

## Bargains at the Notion Counter.

A Chance to save money on some of the prettiest novelties which we have in such abundance. Newer styles better qualities, lower prices than you will find elsewhere.

Jewelry Savings  
 7 cents for 15 cent shirt waist sets  
 11 cents for 25 cent shirt waist sets  
 13 cents for 30 cent shirt waist sets  
 35 cents for 75 cent shirt waist sets  
 We invite your inspection of our size of hat and stick pin novelties  
 49 cents for 85 cent belts.  
 75 dozen leather belts all colors, two buckles. The very latest styles and worth 85 cents, while they last 49 cents.  
 60 dozen leather belts all colors, and all style buckles. The 50c kind, while they last, each 19c.  
 500 assorted purses, including the classic Braided Cane. Some of these goods are actually worth 35c. While they last 19c.  
 100 gross pearl buttons all sizes, worth 8c as 2 1/2c.  
 Belding Brothers' Wash Embroidery Silks, all colors, always sells at 10c a skein, while it lasts per skein, 10c.  
 Black Spool Silk, 100 yards to a spool, 2c.

## SAVINGS IN Men's Furnishings

Men's Neopline shirt, two collars and one pair of cuffs. All the latest patterns, and worth \$1.50. Our price, 81c.  
 Examine our line of neckwear. All the new shapes and shades. Largest lot in the city from which to make your selections. This week 75 cent values at 50 cents.

A lot of \$1 and \$1.50 colored boom shirts—all this seasons newest styles. Collars and cuffs to match. This week 75 cents each.

...IT PAYS TO  
**The Stewart**  
**Dry C**  
 211 North V

## Another Opportunity

The crowds that participated of the last week in Dress Goods we presume were elegant assortment of those new beautiful half their actual value from Arnold, Cor- pose of the remainder of those one hundred to reduce our Dress Goods department again create the following

## EXTRAORDINARY

All for \$2.98.

The remainder of those 48 inch all wool French Serges, in all colors, black, navy blue, green, brown, tan, cardinal. Remember every thread warranted pure wool and 48 inches wide. To close them out quickly this week we offer:

6 yards of these goods,  
 5 yards of best skirt lining,  
 2 yards of 15c waist lining,  
 2 yards of 18c linen canvas,  
 5 yards of velveteen binding,  
 1 set of twin staves,  
 1 spool of silk, 100 yards,  
 1 spool of Coats' thread,  
 1 card of hooks and eyes.

All for \$2.98  
 N.B. The linings, etc., alone are worth everywhere \$1.30.

All for \$3.39.

The remainder of those beautiful black imported German Mattae, 40 inches wide, glossy and lustrous, looks like bro- caded Satins. All new designs in scrolls, geometrical and floral figures. These goods are positively retailed for 50c a yard and are equal in appearance to fabrics sold for 75c a yard. To reduce our dress goods stock, we offer 7 yards of these goods with all the \$3.39 linings for.....

N.B.—The dress goods alone, 7 yards, are worth \$3.50.

All New, Bright,  
**THE STEWART**

## NEW SPRING

New Spring **HATS**

...Have arrived

**GEORGE W. J.**  
**CLOTHING**

...NEW STORE—159 E  
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**FOR**

**FLUSH JOINTS.**  
 Choice of Saddle.  
**C. L.**



**"The Last Piece**  
hung,—and the day but just begun!"

All women who have no time and strength to waste, who want snowy clothes and soft hands should use the famous

# SANTA CLAUS SOAP

The best and purest soap. Made for laundry, and general house use. Sold everywhere.

Made only by  
**THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago.**

## Race Clothing Mfg Co.

### Merchant Tailoring Department.

### All Our New Goods For the Spring Are Ready.

The best selected stock ever shown in the city, and will be made up in an artistic manner by First Class Workmen. The practical ability of our Cutter to turn out stylish as well as durable suits is well known. **CORRECT IN CUT, STYLE AND FINISH.**

**Suits Made as you want them**  
for \$25, \$30, \$35 up to \$50.  
...TROUSERS \$4.00 UP TO \$15..

We want your trade if **RIGHT PRICES** and work will get it.  
**It Will Pay You to Come and See.**

**Race Clothing M'fg Co.,**  
135 North Water Street.

**The Newest and Latest!**

—Our new stock of—  
**Leather Belts and**  
**Shirt Waist Sets.**

New, Stylish and Low Priced. See them.

**W. R. Abbott & Co.,**  
JEWELERS.

### ARTISTIC HAIR PULLING.

It is All the Rage Now to Have the Eyebrows Plucked Out.

"Want your eyebrows beautified?" asked the manœuvre girl, shifting her gum and her customer's hand at the same time.

"My eyebrows?"

"Yes. You ought to have some of 'em pulled out."

"Pulled out! Why, they're too thin already."

"That's so much that they're thin as that they're spread over so much ground," judiciously.

"Well, pulling them out won't exactly concentrate their forces," with sarcasm.

The manœuvre girl shifted her gum and thought over the remark.

"You mean it won't make 'em any thicker?" inquiringly.

"That's what I mean."

"Well, maybe it won't right off, but it will after awhile. And, anyhow, it makes 'em look thicker if you'll have 'em in the line where they belong."

"Do you do it?"

"No. He does 'em," jerking her head over her shoulder toward the man who was curling hair across the room.

"Do you use an electric needle?"

"No—um. Don't know anything about it. We just pull 'em out."

"Won't they grow again?"

"Yes."

"And then you'll pull them out again?"

"Unbuh. After you've pulled 'em out several times they quit-comin' in."

"Does it hurt?"

"Oh, a little. But gracious, that ain't nothin'! Some people has us to do a lot more'n that. You know how some people's hair grows down on their temples almost to their eyebrows? Well, we pull that out, too. And we make the hair look as if it grew in a curve along the edge—understand?—by pullin' it out in places."

"That's something new, isn't it?"

"Well, it ain't so new as it seems. We don't pull it out in the same places, p'raps, but it's an old trick. You know the way women used to wear their hair, parted in the middle down over their ears? Your mother probably wore hers that way. Well, there was lots of 'em that used to pull out the hair up in the middle, where the part begun, so's 't would make 'em have a pointed forehead. Women were pretty much the same then as they are now, I guess. Don't you think you'd like to have your eyebrows beautified?" shifting the gum and the hand for a final attack.

"Oh, I guess it would hurt too much."

"Well, if you mind that, we don't need to pull 'em out. We can just put sump'n on 'em that'll make 'em come out o' themselves."

"Why, how do you do that?"

"Oh, we just put that stuff in that bottle on with a little brush. All you have to do is to be careful not to get it on where you don't want the eyebrows to come out. We'll give you a beautiful arch in a few weeks. Better have it done."

"No, I think not to-day."

"It's all the rage," says the manœuvre, with a final design-you-to-your-fate toss of her head. Then, after her customer had departed: "Women are funny," she remarked to her cory.

"That there one, for instance, she'll think it's all right to have her finger nails boiled and bleached and pointed and polished and cut off to a point, but if you suggest doin' any old thing to her eyebrows (which was a sight, too) why, you've almost insulted her delicate feel'n's! Dear me! These people makes me tired!"

And the manœuvre girl took a look at herself in the glass and adm'ingly stroked the arches of a black that faded not away and architecturally accurate in form, which testified to the extent to which the establishment could carry the "beautifying" process. She, herself, was a little extreme, as is the way of Grand street, but she told the truth. It is "all the rage" to have your eyebrows pulled out and otherwise coerced or compelled into the proper line.—N. Y. Sun.

**FOR THE HOME.**

344 Bits of Information for the Housewife.

In furnishing a room, if the carpet selected or obliged to be used is of a mixed pattern and coloring, it is wise to have the furniture covering of a solid or very indistinct color. A negative shade in dull finished goods would produce a much better effect than a brocade pattern or lustrous showy material, and the lines of the frames should be simple, with little carving. Any tendency to confusion of style is to be avoided.

For the sewing-room, piece-boxes instead of piece-bags are much to be preferred. These may be built along the wall, forming pigeon-holes about 14 inches square, duly labelled for each member of the family, and for linings and patterns. A chintz curtain falls to the floor in front of such a cabinet, whose convenience has only to be tried to be amply demonstrated.

To fry bananas cut them in halves lengthwise, dredge very lightly with flour, and slip without breaking into a clean skillet in which a few drops of olive oil have been heated. Turn only once, browning on one side and then the other. Send to the table very hot, on a folded napkin, sprinkled lightly with powdered sugar, or, if preferred, a few drops of lemon juice.

One of the small things desirable on occasions to know is how to prevent confusion in medicine glasses where homeopathic remedies are used. A trained nurse gives a simple rule, easily remembered: Always set the just given medicine furthest away from the patient, then, no matter what the arrangement of spoons, it is the forward and nearest glass that is to be taken from.—N. Y. Post.

Statistics show that those who have amounted to the most in this world, were children of parents who thought that a child was never too old to spank.

**WATER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS**

**SICK HEADACHE**

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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### Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure, and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. 50c and \$1.00 at West's drugstore.

Dr. Oscar Yarnell of Blue Mound, has moved to Oakley, Ill., where he will continue his profession.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

A colored woman named Nora Owens was accidentally shot and killed at a dance near Peoria last Thursday night.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Mackinaw high school will close on May 14, with a graduating class of four, Lewis Vawter, Frank Million, Iva Norris and Albert Long.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Rev. Mr. Irwin has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Deer Creek, and will begin his work there about the first of June.

A Beacon of Hope

To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The city council of Hoopston has just purchased a street sweeping machine at a cost of \$500. It was given a complete trial and operated very satisfactorily.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The schools in Sand Prairie, in Tazewell county, which have been closed on account of whooping cough, have been reopened this week, the epidemic having subsided.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The 60,000 volumes belonging to the Peoria public library were moved to the new building at a cost of three eighths of a cent a volume, which is considered remarkably cheap.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Some mischievous person with a steel drill, bored a hole in one of the steel tanks of the Standard Oil company at Forrest, and a great quantity of oil escaped before it was discovered.

A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The regular meeting of the city council will be held this evening.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Reporters of the Peoria Times sent up three paper balloons on Wednesday night and were rewarded by a whole crop of reports from people who had seen the airship, with many additions and particulars.

The suit for damages brought by Mrs. Rowe against the city of Chatsworth, for damages owing to a defective sidewalk, has just been decided by the supreme court to which it was appealed. Mrs. Rowe will recover \$3250.

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### WOMAN OUTLIVES MAN.

Has Greater Vital Tenacity, But Cannot Stand Drink So Well.

Of the 14 reputed centenarians who died during the past year no fewer than 11 were women. Out of the 188 persons who were declared as over 90 years of age at death, 108 were women. The superior longevity of the female sex is a well-established fact. To some extent it depends, of course, on their more sheltered method of living, but by no means exclusively, as the women of the laboring classes show a great vitality as well as those who have had an easy time of it in the world.

The vital power of girls is displayed in babyhood, for though about 104 boys are born to every 100 girls, the females have more than overtaken the deficiency before the end of the first year. In other words, the belief of old nurses that "boys are harder to rear than girls" is a true one.

For the first time another point in vital statistics between the sexes has recently been investigated. This is the relative periods of sickness in life. It is only lately that there have been any female friendly societies, hence the statistics as to the days of illness among women have been largely conjectural. But if these figures are to be received as reliable, women have more days of nonfatal sickness in the year on an average than men at all periods of life, except between 50 and 60.

Appropos, a very curious fact has been unearthed by a private committee appointed by the leading life insurance societies. The subject of their inquiry was the mortality of persons engaged in the liquor trades. It is well established that the publicans are at the lowest point in the list of dangerous trades. This, you understand, is not (teetotal talk, but fact, and it is curious, because publicans cannot be drunkards—a man who is not sober, as that term is generally received, soon loses his license. But the new fact revealed by the insurance societies' committee is yet more inexplicable; it is that the women who are engaged on their own account in the sale of drink are not nearly so injuriously affected by it as the men. As an excess of indulgence in alcohol is undoubtedly far more injurious to the female organization than to the male, it can only be concluded that the women who take the responsibility of a license on themselves are endowed with greater self-control and moral strength than their counterparts of the opposite sex.

Women submitted to the temptation of the trade in their capacity of wives, however, do not come out so well. Barmaids are also affected unfavorably by their occupations.—London News.

**THE FISH CAUGHT THE MAN.**

Novel Experience of a Man Who Wore Spurs.

A singular incident connected with fishing is related by the author of "Wild Sports of the West of Ireland." A party of fishermen were out in a boat after guillemots near Sunbury. One of the men, who had lamed his horse some miles from home, had been taken on board, but was not fishing. As a penalty for wearing spurs, he sat in the bow with his feet hanging over the side of the skiff.

Soon after he got into the boat one of the guillemots caught a small guillemot, which he playfully hung on the horseman's projecting spur. The incident was forgotten and the guillemot hung there, its tail just touching the water.

Suddenly the man gave a cry of astonishment, and the others, looking up, saw a large jackfish floundering about the dangling foot, and splashing the water in a vigorous fashion. The boat began rocking, and the man in the bow lost his balance and tumbled into the lake, where he disappeared from sight.

A moment later he rose to the surface, the jackfish still thrashing the water about his foot, and it was seen that the fish was caught on the spur. The guillemot was a huge fellow and very strong, and in its struggles for freedom it placed toward the bottom of the lake, dragging the man feet foremost after it. His weight, however, was too much for the fish, and it made small headway.

The fishermen now went to the assistance of their luckless companion, and one of them struck the jack with an oar and stunned it. The man was pulled into the boat and the jackfish dispatched. The big fish had jumped for the guillemot, fixed its teeth in its body, and had somehow been caught by the gill on the crane-necked spur.—Youth's Companion.

Stumped.

First Little Boy—My pop's a Metaphysician; what's yours?

Second Little Boy—Mine is a theosophist.

"Theosophist? What's that?"

"I can't know."

"Why don't you ask your pop?"

"I did, but from the way he looked I guess he doesn't know, either."—N. Y. Weekly.

A Popular Air.

The watchman woke from a sound sleep just in time to see a burglar go out of the rear door with a bag of booty.

"Heavens!" he cried, "the place has been robbed and I asleep. What shall I say to the firm to-morrow?"

And the burglar commenced to whistle softly: "Just tell them that you saw me."—Twinkles.

Desperate Wager.

"If you haven't been takin' a bath I'll eat my hat!" declared Mr. Weary Watkins.

"Guess I'll have to own up," assented Mr. Dismal Dawson.

"What'd ye mean by it?"

"Election bet; that's all."—Indianapolis Journal.

Pray Five Times a Day.

A gentleman traveling in Persia says he has been in a town where the bells ring for prayer five times a day, and business men rush out of their offices to the churches, leaving their places of business alone and unlocked and nobody ever has a thing stolen.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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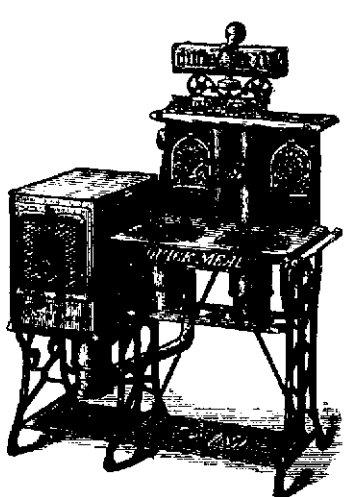


the boys in life with ill fitting, clumsy clothing is a shame. Your son's self-respect will be increased and his comfort enhanced if you treat him like a little man. You do so when you buy his clothing of us.

**Our SPRING SUITS**  
for the **LITTLE MEN**

Are Nobby,  
Carefully Designed,  
and Made to Fit.

**Cheap Charley,**  
The Reliable Clothier.



### "Quick Meal."

Warm Weather will soon be here and you will want that new "Oil Stove."

**What to Buy?**  
**The Best, of Course.**

Is there any question as to the Best when more than half of all the evaporating stoves sold in the United States during last season were "QUICK MEALS." They always give satisfaction. We are the agents for their full line. See them and you will have no other.

**Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.**  
ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

**Easter Novelties!**  
**Rabbits, Brownies,**  
**Cats, Dogs,**

**Yellow Kids,**  
Many Late and Entirely New Things.

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Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at  
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On our **SECOND FLOOR** we have opened a New Department which is given over entirely to

## BARGAINS IN SHOES.

They are Splendid Bargains and it is well worth your while to go to the Second Floor any time that you are looking for Shoe Bargains.

These are a few of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit this Department:

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| <p><b>NO. 1.</b><br/>Ladies' Dongola Shoes, Hand Welt Bottom, in Button and Lace, \$2.29, reduced from \$3.00.</p> <p><b>NO. 2.</b><br/>Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in square toe, welt sole, \$1.69, reduced from \$2.50.</p> <p><b>NO. 3.</b><br/>Ladies' Dongola Lace Shoes, machine sewed, Opera and Square Toes, \$1.44, reduced from \$2.00.</p> <p><b>NOS. 5 AND 6.</b><br/>Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, in Opera and square toe, 98c, reduced from \$1.50.</p> | <p><b>NO. 29.</b><br/>Ladies' Vici Kid Lace Shoes, needle toe, machine sewed, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, widths A to E, \$1.79, reduced from \$2.50.</p> <p><b>NO. 10.</b><br/>Child's Dongola Oxfords, Opera toe, Patent, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, at 69c, reduced from \$1.00.</p> <p><b>NO. 13.</b><br/>Misses' Tan Button Shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, at 98c, reduced from \$1.50.</p> |
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In our regular stock we have all the best makes of Shoes in every fashionable style, and all widths and all sizes. We are headquarters for all that is best in Shoes and will take great pleasure in waiting on you at any time when you are in need of Footwear. We buy our goods right, buy them to sell and not to look at, and we know that we can please you in quality and price. COME AND SEE US.

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148 East Main Street.

—B. F. BOBO, Manager.

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Is now open for the season, in charge of a Soda Expert.

Largest and Finest Fountain in the City.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St. Drink Kola Vena at Irwin's.

Santa Bana new cigar at Irwin's.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Walgaard. Mch 25 tf.

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### A FINE DISPLAY

Promised by Steeth, the Photographer.

Mr. Steeth promises something unique and novel in shape of an Easter opening on Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 20th at his studio in the Powers block. He will have on exhibition some pen and pencil sketches by Miss Mitchell, the latest clay bust by Crumell, miniatures and china painting by Mrs. Keeler and numerous other beautiful and novel attractions in addition to the largest and finest photograph display ever made in this city. Music from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p. m.—16 ddt

## ROBBERY OUTRAGE.

Mrs. Dr. Ann Beaman Relieved of Over \$700 in Cash.

### THREE MASKED MEN DO THE WORK.

Two White Men and a Negro Who Wore Masks—They Choke and Tie the Old Woman and Threaten to Burn Her Alive

Mrs. Ann Beaman, aged 77 years, widow of the late Dr. Beaman, who has been residing alone in a large frame house at 1347 East William street, on a 40 acre tract of valuable ground, was the victim of a bold robbery and threatened torture Sunday night from 8 o'clock until midnight. The thieves were two white men and a negro, who wore masks and had revolvers. They succeeded in securing about \$670 in gold coin kept in a tea pot and also \$35 in currency.

The fact that Mrs. Beaman had been visited by thieves and robbed did not become known until between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, when the old lady, with bruised arms, wrists and bruised face, managed to leave her home and reach the residence of Jacob Groulhofer, at the corner of Jasper and William streets. She awakened the family and told the shocking story of her awful experience, stating also that she had been robbed of all her money, part of the savings of many years. Notice of the robbery was at once sent by telephone from the Ray grocery store to police headquarters, and in a short time Marshal Mason arrived at the house to make an investigation.

Story of the Crime  
Mrs. Beaman, as stated, lives alone at her residence. She is a recluse and has but few if any callers. Only a boy has been about the place. He is Bernard Groulhofer, son of Jacob, who does chores for the old lady. Sunday evening Mrs. Beaman was lying on a lounge in a back room of the house, adjoining her bed room. She was engaged in doctering a sick kitten. The hour was 8 o'clock at which time rain began falling. Outside it was dark and gloomy. Accustomed to being alone in her house, Mrs. Beaman felt no fear, although she had heard of Uncle Billy Florey's experience and must have felt that sooner or later she would be visited by robbers. If she did she dismissed all thought of danger and loss, clinging to her purpose for many years ago to go on living alone. She told the story of her experience in detail first to Marshal Mason and later to Sheriff Nicholson.

While she was doctering the cat and lying in a recumbent position on the lounge the door to the room was suddenly burst open and three masked men stood in the dimly lighted room, one with a drawn revolver and another using a cloth over her face to prevent her from screaming. One of the men was a negro. He came up to the lounge, and first choked Mrs. Beaman to complete her subjection. One of the robbers was a large man. He did most of the talking. The party had a spade, a hedge knife and revolvers. They commanded the old lady to reveal the hiding place of her money, and fearing that she would be killed, she took the two white men up stairs to two empty rooms. The negro had gone outside to remain on watch and give the alarm in case any body should approach the house. Near the big chimney upstairs Mrs. Beaman indicated where some money was hidden, but instead of putting his hand through the aperture one of the men used the hedge knife to cut away the boards. He then reached in and brought out a tin teapot, a pint vessel, which was nearly filled with \$10 and \$20 gold pieces to the value of about \$670. The robbers were not satisfied. They were sure there was more money about the house. They went down stairs with Mrs. Beaman, and in the cupboard near the lounge was found the old lady's pocketbook which contained \$35 in currency. The money was removed and the empty book left in the cupboard. The big man did all the talking and he worked his jaw industriously to further frighten and terrorize the old lady who protested that she had no more money hidden about the house. The robbers refused to believe her. One of the men went to the cellar and dug around in several places, besides overturning everything that he thought might contain hidden treasure. Then a trip was made to the hen house where there was more digging. Tied and Threatened with Death.

Finally the two men procured ropes and tied Mrs. Beaman's wrists together. Then they placed her on her bed, using a bridge to tie her feet to the bed post. She was covered up and again appealed to be released where she had the rest of her money hidden. She had no more, and could not tell. There was a call for coal oil, but none could be found. There was a jug full near the cellar stairway but the robbers did not know where it could be found. Mrs. Beaman refused to tell. The robbers made blood curdling threats about what they were going to do. They said they had planned to burn the old lady in her bed, and would do it if she refused to tell where all her money was buried, and they would doubtless have carried the threat into execution had they been able to find the coal oil. It was then nearly

12 o'clock. The robbers had been in and about the house for nearly four hours. They had procured over \$700, and concluding that that was all the money Mrs. Beaman had secreted about the place they arranged to leave. Before doing so, they told the old lady that they would leave the negro on the outside to watch the house, and that if she managed to become untied and attempted to leave she would be shot dead. Then they went away.

In a few minutes after the departure of the two white men, Mrs. Beaman was able to untie the knots at her wrists, getting one hand free. Soon she got the rope off the other hand, and untied the bridge at her feet. But the threat of death, if she left the house, prevented her from opening a door to give the alarm. It was a distance of a block to the nearest house. Finally between 4 and 5 o'clock she picked up courage and reaching the Groulhofer place she gave the alarm.

While Marshal Mason was at the house the patrol wagon brought Officers Inboden and Dempsey to the place, but they could not do anything, except keep the crowd off the premises.

Sent for the Blood-Hounds.  
The people were kept away because it had been decided to use the bloodhounds, Rattler and Topey, in the effort to run down the robbers. It was not expected that the thieves could be located, as the general theory is that the three men have left the city on some train. They had plenty of money to pay their fare. There was a long wait for the dogs as they had been sent to Arrowsmith, McLean county, on Sunday, and did not get back until this afternoon.

No Faith in Banks.  
In her conversation with Sheriff Nicholson Mrs. Beaman said she had no faith in banks, and that was the chief reason she didn't keep her money in banks. But it is learned that she has an account with one of the banks, and does considerable business during the year. In an early day her husband, Dr. Beaman, was one of the leading physicians of Decatur and there are many elderly people in the community who remember him quite well.

Curious Crowd Out  
Since 10 o'clock today there has been a large crowd of people hanging about the Beaman place waiting for the bloodhounds to come. The curious people want to see the dogs at work. When they start from the house on the trail it will take all the police in town and then some to keep the crowd back, particularly those who were on bicycles or in vehicles. The frame dwelling stands in from the street a considerable distance. It has been no small task for the officers to keep the crowd back so that the hounds may have a fair show when they begin to scent the trail of the robbers.

Dogs Didn't Come.  
The hounds were expected to arrive at 2 35 p. m., but they didn't come. They cannot come until 3 30, at which hour the Republican goes to press.

**WAS A WINDY EASTER**  
The Women Appeared in New Clothes and the People Enjoyed Them as They Spite of the Disagreeable Weather.

Sunday was not an ideal Easter day. The temperature was pleasant and it was clear in the morning and afternoon but there was such a high wind that it was very unpleasant. The ladies nevertheless blossomed out in new dresses and hats. Most every woman or girl on the street seemed to have a new dress or hat. The clothes were of all different colors, some being attired in pure white. The day was hardly satisfactory to the ladies. Those who had on new dresses did not look especially pretty in them as the wind blow so hard that it was all they could do to keep on their feet let alone showing off their dresses to advantage. The worst of it all was in the evening when just about time for the churches to be dismissed it began to rain. Everyone was afraid that their new dress and bonnet would be spoiled and for a little while the street cars had more business than they could attend to. The amount of new clothes and hat purchased this year was large and the Easter trade was better than it has been for a number of years.

No Good for Wheelmen.  
If the weather had been a little more agreeable yesterday the day would have marked the opening of the wheelmen's season. Many trips had been planned and almost everyone who had a wheel expected to take a ride yesterday but the wind was so high that the trips were called off. Some of the wheelmen braved the strong wind but they didn't enjoy themselves as it was very difficult to make a wheel move against the wind.

Did a Good Business.  
The lively stable men did a good business yesterday. One lively man said that he had run out all his vehicles early in the day and he was unable to accommodate many persons who applied for buggies. Although it was not a pleasant day to drive more vehicles and horses were taken from the lively stables yesterday than any day this year.

Republicans go to the polls to-morrow. Nobody can do your voting for you.

Will Meet To-Night.  
The members of the city council will hold their regular meeting this evening. There are some of the aldermen who will not be in the council chamber for many more meetings. After this one there will be a special meeting for the purpose of canvassing the vote of the city election and after that there will be another regular meeting to swear in the new members.

City election to-morrow. Polls open at 7 a. m.; close at 5 p. m. Vote early.

## EASTER SERVICES.

Held at the Different Churches of the City Yesterday

### SERMON TO THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

By Rev. W. F. Gilmore at Grace Methodist Church—Rev. Craft at First M. E. Church—Musical Programs Rendered

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At All Angels church  
The services at All Angels church yesterday were rendered strictly according to program published last week. There were two early celebrations of the holy communion at 6 a. m. and 7 a. m. both of which were well attended. At 11 a. m. the most impressive service of the day was given being a full choral celebration and the music was finer and more elaborate than has ever been given in the church. There was a good congregation and everyone was surprised at the excellence of the music, and the impressive character of the service. In the afternoon at the Sunday school each child received a living plant as a present. Good prizes were awarded for merit to several of the children.

At 7 30 evening the choir maintained its reputation for good work in the magnificent and Nuno Dimittis by Louis and the anthem "Awake up my Church." By surpassing themselves to the delight and gratification of the congregation which filled the church to the doors. At the first service the rector blessed a new set of altar cloths the result of earnest faithful work of the altar guild—a beautiful white stole in latter gift to himself. There was a profusion of flowers and the altar was most tastefully decorated. A new Packard organ which the woman's guild has procured from the Prescott Music company, was used for the first time and gave general satisfaction to the old instrument having become worn out. The entire music will be repeated next Sunday morning and evening service, those who were unable to be present yesterday an opportunity to enjoy it. Mr. R. W. Chilson's solo in the morning "Jerusalem," by Rodney, was highly appreciated and was received in exquisite taste.

Other Services  
The services at All Angels Episcopal church were well attended yesterday. There was special music in the morning and evening and in the afternoon exercises for the children were held.

At the Congregational church the exercises were held in the evening and were under the direction of the Young Men's Sunday evening club. The exercises by the choir were accompanied by the orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Walters.

Special music was rendered at the morning service at St. Johns church. The services were given by Miss Mae Harwood and Miss Lila Basse. In the afternoon exercises for the children were held. A group of music and carols was given by the young burrows acting as direct.

The Easter services at the First Baptist church were held Sunday evening. Music was rendered by a quartet of boys and a chorus of fifty.

The members of the Sunday school and choir of the Cumberland Presbyterian church held Easter services in the morning at the W. C. T. U. rooms.

The Sunday school children of the First Methodist church held special services at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the First English Lutheran church the rector, Rev. F. C. Oberly, preached an Easter sermon and conducted the communion service in the morning and at night the children's exercises were held.

The members of the Christian Reformed union held early morning Easter services at the First Baptist church.

Have at Bloomington  
Bloomington Pantagraph April 18—Rev. Sir Knight David Finley Howe's sermon was one of the most brilliant and eloquent ever delivered in this city on such an occasion. His style and bearing in the pulpit is pleasing and his thought and diction clear, strong, forcible and convincing. He took his text from the 27th chapter of Matthew \* \* \* Rev. Howe concluded with a beautiful picture, representing Christ as the first to pass the storm of life and return to give us accounts of the better and holier things beyond. The church was crowded and the members of the Molay Commandery No. 21 attended in a body. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dunn were in the choir.

City election to-morrow. Polls open at 7 a. m.; close at 5 p. m. Vote early.

A Sprained Ankle  
Mrs. J. S. Barbey, who resides at the 1700 block on Whitel street while returning home from a visit to a neighbor made a misstep, spraining her ankle and badly lacerating the ligaments. She will be confined to her home for a few days. Dr. H. C. Jones attended her.

Republicans go to the polls to-morrow. Nobody can do your voting for you.

Seed Distribution  
New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street—9-dwtf

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## BLOOD FLOWS.

The Battles Between the Greeks and the Turks Resumed This Morning.

20,000 MEN WERE ENGAGED.

That Number Said to Have Fought at Miloua Pass—What a London Correspondent Says About the Battles.

Athens, April 20.—Fighting was resumed this morning at Revent. A big battle is in progress. The Greeks have been attacked in still greater force than yesterday but are making a stubborn resistance.

TWENTY THOUSAND ENGAGED

The Greeks and Turks Engaged at Miloua Reached That Number

Rome, April 20.—An Athens dispatch says the forces of the Greeks and Turks in the fighting in Miloua pass aggregate 20,000. The Crown prince, Constantine, has assumed supreme command of the Greek forces which will fight the Turks today. King George leaves Athens for the front today.

THE LOSSES AT MILOUNA.

Greeks Reverse Due to a Misunderstood Order.

Athens, April 20.—The estimated total Greek loss in the various engagements in Miloua pass yesterday was 1000 killed and wounded. The losses of the Turks are declared to be much greater. Prince Constantine has returned to Larissa from Gritzo. The Greek reverse there is due to the fact that General Mastoropos, who was in command of the Greek artillery, misunderstood the prince's order and directed a retreat of the Greek forces. The Turks advanced and occupied Gritzo. Mastoropos' brigade rallied later and made a stand. In the meantime Prince Constantine hurried reinforcements forward to his assistance under General Smolatz who succeeded in forcing the enemy back.

RELAYED TELEGRAM.

Report of Complete Success of the Turks at Miloua Pass

Blasenna, April 19 (Night).—The Turkish artillery this afternoon began cannonading Tyrnovo, a Greek town only ten miles north of Larissa, the Greek headquarters, the Greeks having fallen back to that point. The whole mountain chain from Tchalassa to Miloua pass is now in possession of the Turks. The dash of the Turks was irresistible. It is expected that a general advance of the Turkish army will occur Tuesday morning.

FIGHTING NEAR EPIRUS.

The Bombardment of Preveza was Resumed by the Greeks This Morning

Athens, April 20.—It is reported that Greek forces are trying to bridge the river Arachthos, on the frontier of Epirus, but have been driven off by the Turks. The Turks have been bombarding Arta since yesterday evening.

Sharp fighting is proceeding on the frontier of Epirus. The bombardment of Preveza, the Turkish position at the entrance of the gulf of Arta was resumed by the Greeks this morning by land and sea. The Greek squadron left Piraeus under sealed orders. Several merchant vessels were hastily armed and troops were hurried on board.

TURKISH REPORTS.

Deny that Great Damage was Done at Preveza—Victories at Tyrnovo.

Berlin, April 20.—An official telegram to the Turkish embassy today from Constantinople says the Turks have not sustained any great damage at Preveza but two Greek warships were compelled to retire under fire and this afternoon there are no signs of a Greek fleet in the vicinity of Preveza. It also states that the Turkish captured all the positions commanding Tyrnovo, thus confirming those dispatches on the subject from the correspondent of the Associated Press at the Turkish headquarters at Ellasonan.

STOCKS NERVOUS.

Actual War in the East Greatly Disturbs the Market.

Berlin, April 20.—Wheat opened 3 marks higher this morning.

Stocks in London.  
London, April 20.—Stocks opened greatly excited though all securities marked down heavily there is no actual panic. Buyers soon appeared and declines mostly confined to narrow limits. Greek and Turkish securities were the chief sufferers, the former more severely than the latter. Wheat opened excited but quiet.